

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of January 9, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 13 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over the patent to Crenella, et al.

Claims 14-21 and 23-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Crenella, et al. in view of the patent to Fortescue and the patent to Myer.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims applicant has amended claim 13 and added new dependent claims 27-33.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently on file differ essentially and in an unobvious, highly advantageous manner from the constructions disclosed in the references.

Turning now to the references, and particularly to the patent to Crenella, et al., as has previously been discussed, this patent discloses a two-part wireless communication system for elevator hallway fixtures. The present invention, as recited in claim 13, is a remote status read out system that has a central controller and peripheral devices linked by a communication network. The controller is operative to periodically scan and read out the status of the peripheral devices via the

communication network. The communication network links the central controller and the peripheral devices by radio frequency and also powers the peripheral devices by radio frequency.

In Fig. 6, Crenella, et al. disclose wireless fixtures 124,125 that communicate by means of a radio frequency with a controller 130. A low power wireless system connects all of the fixtures on one hallway and a higher power wireless system connects each hallway with the appropriate controller (see column 2, lines 13-15). The higher power system is used to overcome the larger distance between the transceiver 31 and the controller 30 (see Fig. 1) compared to the distance between the fixtures and the transceiver on a respective floor. Crenella, et al. do not, however, disclose a controller that is operative to periodically scan and read status of the peripheral devices, as in the presently claimed invention. Furthermore, there is no disclosure by Crenella, et al. of peripheral devices that are powered or supplied with electrical energy by the communication network via radio frequency, as in the present invention.

In view these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 13 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over the above-discussed reference is overcome and should be withdrawn.

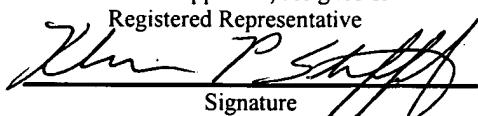
The patent to Fortescue discloses a combined wireless sending and receiving system and the patent to Myer discloses a wireless transmitter-receiver information

device. The Examiner combined these references with Crenella, et al. in determining that claims 14-21 and 23-26 would be unpatentable over such a combination. None of these references taken either alone or in combination teach or suggest a system for remote status readings which has a central controller operative to periodically scan peripheral devices to read their instantaneous status. Furthermore, the references do not teach a peripheral device that is powered by the communication network via radio frequency, as in the presently claimed invention.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 14-21 and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over a combination of the above-discussed references is overcome and should be withdrawn.

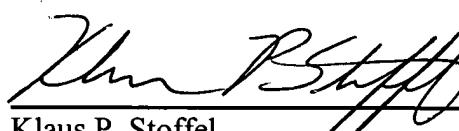
Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

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